

(d) what would be the impact of such incidents on the functioning of the Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The number of such incidents reported during 1999 was 8 as against 10 in the preceding year. The main reason for such suicides has been the family discord faced by the police personnel concerned.

(b) to (d) The Commissioner of Police, Delhi has issued specific instructions to ensure that such incidents are meticulously investigated so as to take corrective measures to prevent their recurrence. These instructions also stipulate that the senior police officers should not only give adequate attention to the family problems faced by their staff but also create such a work environment that their subordinates come forward to share their problems so that they could be suitably addressed.

Meeting of National Integration Council on autonomy to J and K

†1939. **PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the autonomy proposal was passed in the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir with the concurrence of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Home Affairs;

(b) if not, whether Government would like to call the meeting of National Integration Council to hold comprehensive discussion on this subject;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, sir.

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(b) to (d) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government. The Government is committed to continuing its endeavour to evolve a broad consensus on the implementation of steps for wide ranging devolution of powers to the States that leads to efficiency in administration, acceleration in development and fullest realization of the creative potential of all sections of our people.

Strike in Kargil district

[†]1940. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-item which appeared in "Punjab Kesri", dated the 7th July, 2000 under the caption "Kargil Zile mein hartaal";

(b) what has been the impact of the strike on the defence activities alongwith the details of the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government would take any steps to ensure that such strikes may not take place in the border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The State Government is aware of news report in Punjab Kesri dated 7.7.2000 captioned "Kargil Zile Mein Hartal" (Strike in Kargil District). Regarding hartal in Kargil, the same was observed by the inhabitants of Kargil town and its neighbouring villages against the inability of the district administration to restore power supply from the only Hydel Project supplying power to the Kargil Town. The Hydel project has been out of order for the last several months due to non-availability of spares. The strike has not affected the security in any way. The strike is a means of expressing grievances of the public.

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